

## THREE NATIONS ARE INVOLVED.

Attorney-General McKenna Renders a Decision of Great Importance.

RIO GRANDE DAMMED UP.

An English Company Did It Under Authority of Former Secretary Hoke Smith.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN IT.

Complaint Was Made by the Mexican Government That the River Was Obstructed and Mr. Sherman Investigated It.

Washington, May 8.—Attorney General McKenna today rendered a decision of vital importance to three countries, the United States, England and Mexico. The decision is of such importance that it may lead to the gravest results. Millions of dollars are involved; the right of this Government to criminally prosecute citizens of a foreign country acting under the authority of a former Cabinet officer will be tested; the right of the Interior Department to usurp the functions of the War Department will be thoroughly investigated, and the mysterious silence of a British corporation working on an international river will be fully explained.

The decision rendered by the Attorney-General directs that certain property of an English corporation be confiscated and that criminal as well as civil prosecutions be commenced at once against the members of that body. The decision is of especial importance because the corporation has been acting under authority granted by Hoke Smith while he was Secretary of the Interior, and having this authority, the English corporation will have grounds on which to ask the protection of the English Government. The decision was made at the instance of the State Department, which has been called upon by the Mexican Government to explain why the Rio Grande, a navigable river, was being obstructed by the building of an immense dam. An inquiry by the State Department led to the discovery that all the work had been done without any authority from the War Department, and this, of itself, is so peculiar that an investigation of the workings of the Interior Department two years ago will be instituted.

**Obstructed the Rio Grande.**  
The case decided was that of the Rio Grande Dam and Navigation Company, a corporation composed of British capitalists. It was organized to build the largest artificial lake in the world at Elephant Butte, in Southern New Mexico, and across the Rio Grande River. So raptures were received in London, and several million dollars was subscribed. The company, issued a flaming prospectus, and found hundreds of people ready to take stock.

The prospectus was issued after Secretary Hoke Smith had given the incorporators the right to go ahead. The work has been proceeding for nearly two years, and this Government knew nothing of it until its attention was called to it by the Mexican Minister early in January last. But little attention was given to it until Mr. McKenna took charge of the Department of Justice, when it was taken up on a second matter from the State Department. Secretary Sherman's attention was called to it by Minister Romero, and he was at once made to understand that the Mexican Government objected to the building of the dam because it obstructed a navigable river, and was an international affair. The Mexican authorities claimed that Secretary Smith had no right to grant any privileges of the kind to any corporation without their consent.

**Violated the Law.**  
The dam, the Mexican authorities showed, was to be built 125 miles above El Paso. They claimed that the Rio Grande was navigable to the mouth of the Colorado, 200 miles away. The river, they claimed, was also navigable for the distance of 125 miles above El Paso for rafts and boats. This being the case, no Secretary of the Interior had the authority to make any such grant as was made by Secretary Smith. When this fact was reached Mr. Sherman had inquiries made at the War Department, and found to his surprise as well as that of the department, that the building of the dam was being prosecuted without authority of the law, and suits were ordered to be brought. Secretary Smith claimed that he had the authority to act under clause 13 of the Timber Culture laws, approved March 3, 1891. The punishment for violating this law is by fine and imprisonment. Each week of offence for obstructing a navigable river is deemed a separate offence, and is a misdemeanor, punishable by \$500 fine or imprisonment for not more than one year or both. Any work obstructing a navigable river is considered to fall within these provisions when it is carried on without authority from the Secretary of War.

**In Memory of Mrs. Blavatsky.**  
Theosophists in all parts of the world celebrated "White Lotus Day" yesterday. "White Lotus Day" is in commemoration of the anniversary of the death of Mrs. H. P. Blavatsky, founder of the Theosophical Society, who died on May 8, 1891. In New York exercises were held at the Theosophical Society, No. 142 West 42nd street, and the H. P. B. Theosophical Society, No. 142 West 42nd street, and the Brooklyn societies met at the quarters of the Brooklyn Theosophical Society, No. 404 Classon avenue.

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## HE PART MAN AND WIFE?

Rich Mr. Bradley, of Syracuse, Accused by His Son-in-Law.

ALIENATION IS CHARGED.

Mr. Ward, of Chicago, Being Sued for Divorce, Seeks Revenge.

\$100,000 DAMAGES CLAIMED.

The Husband Declares His Wife's Father to Be Responsible for Much Domestic Trouble.

Chicago, May 8.—Edward Overton Ward, Chicago representative of the Muncie Glass Company, thinks interfering father-in-laws are a bad thing, and has brought a suit for \$100,000 damages against his wife's father to teach him a lesson. Mr. Ward married the daughter of Waterman C. Bradley, a wealthy business man of Syracuse, New York, in 1886. The wedding was a big social event, and the couple came to Chicago to live.

It was not long after, according to Mr. Ward's story, that Papa Bradley began to make trouble. He insisted on his daughter making extended visits to her old New York home against her husband's wishes, and in other ways stirred up domestic trouble in the Ward home. Finally Mr. Ward sued for divorce. Just before the case came to trial, Mr. Bradley telegraphed his son-in-law to meet him in Erie, Pa. Mr. Ward went to Erie, found Mr. Ward with her father, a reconciliation followed, and the Wards returned to Chicago together, the ten-year-old daughter being left in Syracuse. Hardly had Mr. Ward dismissed his bill for divorce, according to the complaint he has just filed, than he found himself a defendant in a similar suit, Mrs. Ward charging her husband with cruelty and attributing her troubles to a woman.

Mr. Ward filed an answer and cross bill to his wife's suit and the case will soon come up for hearing before Judge Cribbourn. The defendant in his answer makes a denial of the charges set up in his wife's bill and goes into the history of his marital difficulties.

A peculiar feature of the alienation suit is the manner in which service of the action was obtained upon Bradley. He was in Chicago to appear as a witness in the United States Court against his son-in-law, Ward being charged with sending objectionable letters to his father-in-law. The case was tried recently and Ward was found not guilty. He sued a second advantage by serving his father-in-law with a notice of the \$100,000 alienation of affection suit that was filed against him.

**Farrow's Trial Set for Monday.**  
Pittsburg, Pa., May 8.—Former District Attorney Davis, of New York, arrived here today, and will on Monday begin the prosecution of Lieutenant Farrow, who was recently arrested in New York City for irregularities in connection with the Mutual Life Insurance Company. The company is preparing a vigorous prosecution.

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